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RAILWAYS
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MoU between India and France
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the India and France for the modernisation of railway stations and development of various rail projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to complete the pending railway projects particularly rural rail projects on priority basis and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of such pending rail projects in Maharashtra which are proposed to be started in the current year till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Railways have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SNCF(Societe Nationale des Chemins de Fer Francais), the French National Railways, on 14th February 2013 in which the agreed areas of cooperation are : (i) High Speed and semi-high speed rail; (ii) Station renovation and operations; (iii) Modernization of current operations and infrastructure; and (iv) Suburban trains.

(c): Completion of projects depends on many factors such as land acquisition, forestry & wild life clearances, shifting of services, construction of road over and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies etc. apart from availability of funds. Railways have increased outlay for projects like new lines, gauge conversion and doubling substantially in last 2 years which has increased pace of project execution.

(d): In 2015-16, two new line projects viz. Karad-Chiplun (112 km) and Dighi Port −Roha (34 km) have been included in Railway Budget. In addition, 7 doubling projects covering a length of 1377 km. that fall fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra have been sanctioned in 2015-16 subject to requisite clearances.

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